FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 22, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 2374 - SB 2563**

This bill, if enacted, will require the Department of Education to establish, through competitive grants, a pilot alternative school program in three local education agencies of less than 7,000 students, one in each grand division of the state. The bill provides that such pilot alternative school programs shall be funded for a period not to exceed three years.

The State Board of Education is to define the components of the pilot alternative school programs. The Department of Education shall submit an annual report of findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Education Committees and to the State Board of Education.

The bill appropriates \$25,000 per year per program to assist in implementation.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of \$75,000 for the next three years.

Enactment of this bill is also estimated to result in an increase in local government revenues of \$75,000 for the next three years and a corresponding increase in local government* expenditures of \$75,000 for three pilot alternative schools

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*